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ABSTRACT

This paper reports a survey conducted to determine which colleges and universities offer the Doctor of Arts degree. All 252 listed in Peterson's 1971 ANNUAL GUIDES TO GRADUATE EDUCATION as offering doctoral programs or as "universities" were sent a double postcard. One postcard explained the survey. The second, with a return address, asked for dates and departments: (1) now offering the DA; (2) proposing to offer the DA; and (3) considering the DA. Of the 199 institutions that responded, 34 offer or are planning to offer the DA. A table itemizes the data from these 34 institutions, and a brief discussion covers highlights from the responses. (JS)

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DOCTOR OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAMS NOW OFFERED BY UNIVERSITIES

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This survey was made to determine which colleges and universities offer the Doctor of Arts degree. The Carnegie Commission of Higher Education has recommended that a doctor of arts program should be offered only by institutions which have existing doctoral programs. Thus all universities which have doctoral programs were contacted.

The sample was drawn from Book I, "Graduate Schools and Colleges of Arts and Sciences", which is a part of the Annual Guides to Graduate Education. (Peterson:1971) All colleges and universities showing definite doctoral programs were selected and placed on a list. Those institutions which showed no specific level of program, but had the title of "university" in their name were also listed. All colleges and universities placed on the list were sent a double post card. One post card explained the purpose of the survey. The second card, with a return address, asked for dates and departments: a) now offering the D.A. degree, b) preparing proposals for offering the D.A. degree, and c) considering the D.A. degree, but has made no proposal. A double post card was sent to each of 252 institutions on April 5, 1971. Of these, 199 (79%) were returned. The institutions offering Doctor of Arts degree programs or contemplating programs are shown in Table I.

Ten universities which responded are offering doctoral

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TABLE I. INSTITUTIONS OFFERING THE DOCTOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Institution	Programs Now Offered	Preparing Program (date)	Considering degree (possible date
Bowling Green St. U.			English,Speech
Brown U.		Creative writing German, Spanish	American Civil-ization
Carnegie-Mellon U.	English,History Fine Arts,Math		
Case Western Reserve			English(72)
Catholic U.			English(72) Math(72)Music(72) Greek & Latin(72)
Drake U.		English(72)	Biology(74
Fordham U.			Poli Sci(72) Econ(72)
Idaho St. U.		Engl(71)Math(71) Biol(71)Govt(71)	Physics,Psych
Indiana St. U.@Terre Haute		Math	
Lehigh U.	Psych,Govt. Social Reltns Hist,Bus Econ		
Miami U. (Ohio)			Poli Sci,Physics
Middle Tenn. St. U.	English,History		
Northern Arizona U.		Hist,Poli Sci English,Math	
Oakland U.		Biol Sci(74)	
Ohio St. U.		Slavic Lang. Econ	Classics,Art Biol Sci
Purdue U.	Theatre Div of Creative Arts		
San Diego S. U.			English,History
SUNY @Albany	Econ,English Physics	French(71?) Spanish (71?) Classics(72?)	Math,Philosophy
SUNY @Stonybrook		German(71)	
Texas A.& I.U.			Math(72-3) English(72-3)
U. of Ill. @Chicago		Chem(71)Math(71) Biol(71)	
U. of Ill. @Urbana		Econ,Math English	Classics,Chem History
U. of Kansas			Engl(74)Hist(74)
U. of Maryland			Spanish
U. of North Dakota	Biology,History		
U. of Oregon	English		
U. of the Pacific	English		
U. of Texas @Arlington			English
U. of Washington	German	Physics	English,Speech
U. of Wyoming			Math(?)
Washington St. U.		Hist(72)Lang(72) Chem(72)Math(72)	
Western Michigan U.			Engl(73-5)Hist(73-5
Wichita St. U.		Soc Sci Depts	
Yeshiva U.		Judaic Studies(71	Math&Sci Ed(72)

level study towards a degree for teaching in undergraduate colleges. Carnegie-Mellon University was the only university which listed the number of students. They have had two students in English (1970), three in mathematics (1969 & 1970), nine in history (1969 & 1970), and two in fine arts (1970).

The most common program offered was English. Twelve other institutions are preparing proposals for offering programs in the fall of 1971, 1972 or 1974. Twenty-three universities mentioned that interest has been shown for such a program and much discussion has taken place, but no formal proposals have been submitted. Kent State University and SUNY at Buffalo have established a commission or committee to study the D.A. concept. Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has given thought to offering one by the Graduate School "...with individual programs planned by department and graduate school." They say there is "No need for a D.A. in each discipline." As shown on Table I, column 4, many of the universities are expanding the subjects they are considering for the degree with twelve entering the field by considering new programs in the future.

The School of Fine Arts at the University of California at Irvine says; "Due to budgetary reasons, no proposals will be made for several years". The University of Montana is waiting for an NSF grant. The Dean at the University of Akron personally approves of the idea, whereas the University of California at Davis, St. Bonaventure University, Florida State University and the University of Pittsburg have shown negative feelings

about offering this degree. Four universities; Massachusetts, Auburn, Southern Mississippi, and Wayne State have considered the D.A. degree and have rejected it. Fifteen others have said they plan not to offer this degree.

Several universities intend to alter their existing programs in order to meet the purposes of the D.A. degree. East Texas State University awards the Ed.D. in English, chemistry, physical education, and are planning proposals for history and biology. These programs are comparable to a "typical D.A. program" and a name change has been requested from their Coordinating Board in Arts and Sciences. The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville calls their degree Ph.A. instead of D.A.

Several universities have tried to adjust their Ph.D. programs to include teaching components. These include North Carolina University at Chapel Hill, Cornell University, and the University of New Hampshire. The University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Minnesota mention that they award the Candidate in Philosophy certificate to satisfy this purpose.

The remaining 106 respondents checked "none offered" when asked if they offered a D.A. program.

This gives the most recent status of the Doctor of Arts degree by the 199 institutions which answered this post card survey.

I wish to thank those colleges and universities which were kind enough to return the card.